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## **Disability Commission Minutes 05/19/04**

**ARLINGTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 19, 2004**

Members Present: Barbara Cutler, Lin Baker, Joe Giurleo, and Tom Boudreau

Members Absent: Barbara Jones, Louis Krodel, and Kevin O'Brien

Staff Present: Jack Jones

### **Meeting Minutes April 21, 2004:**

Lin made a motion to approve the minutes of April 21, 2004 seconded by Tom.  
SO VOTED

### **Town Hall Web Site:**

Jack said the New Town Hall Web site is now operational. The Web site address is TOWN.ARLINGTON.MA.US

### **Proposed Curb Cut Work:**

Jack had a copy of the bid proposal for curb cut work that will be available on May 20, 2004. Proposals are due back to the Purchasing Department no latter than June 17, 2004 at 11:00 A.M. Jack said that the curb cut specifications are included in the bid proposal.

### **Peirce School Walkway:**

Jack said that DRA has sent a letter to Michael Byrne, Town Building Inspector, requesting a Certificate of Occupancy, be granted for the Peirce School. In order to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy, DRA recommends the following solutions. (1) Remove the exterior door hardware at this egress door, thus eliminating any indication that this egress doorway is an entrance. (2) Remove the Walkway in question. The letter states that a site stair will still supplement this egress and concrete walk that connects to the existing sidewalk along Park Ave. (3) Provide a sign mounted adjacent to this egress exit that clearly indicates the location of accessible entrances. Barbara C. said that this letter should be forwarded to the Mass. Office on Disability, for their review and comments.

### **Dallin School Construction:**

Jack said that Town Meeting would vote on May 19, 2004 as to proceed or postpone construction of the Dallin School.

### **Community Development Update:**

Jack said that construction at Alan McClellan, Jr., Field is progressing on schedule. Jack said that the Town is continuing to work with the developer at the former Symmes Site regarding the development of 255 housing units.

**Legislative Update:**

Barbara C. said that future funding for section 8 housing may be reduced. Barbara said that the U.S. Senate has passed I.D.E.A. but has eliminated full funding for attorney fees for parents that successfully win judgments.

**Goals for FY '2005:**

Barbara said that a goal of the Commission is to bring the Commission to full membership. Barbara C. said that the Commission needs a member with a cognitive disability that can effectively advocate for residents with Mental Health Issues.

Tom said that the Town should begin ticketing violators of handicapped parking on private property. Tom said that the Town of Burlington has an approved policy to issue such fines. Barbara C. requested Tom to obtain a copy of the Burlington By-Law that allows this ticketing.

**Other Business:**

Jack said that the Police Department has issued 199 tickets for violating handicapped parking laws over a period from 1/01/01 through 12/31/03. Jack said that the Town is considering increasing the fee for handicapped parking in September '2004 from the current fee of \$100 to \$200. Jack said that no final decision has been made on the increase of this fee.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.